

REMARKS

Prior to entry of this Preliminary Amendment, Claims 1-8 are pending in the Application.

Please add the claim of priority under 35 USC § 120 to parent application bearing Serial No. 09/568,267, filed May 10, 2000.

Please cancel claims 1-4 without prejudice. As the claims of the parent application were subject to a restriction requirement, Claims 5-8 herein were the non-elected claims

Claims 5-8 remaining pending in the application. The filing fee due in this case is to be calculated based on the claims remaining as a result of this Preliminary Amendment.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request substantive examination of the claims. It is respectfully submitted that these changes are in form only and do not add new matter to the subject application. It is also submitted that these changes are not made in accordance with any statutory requirement for patentability, but are merely made for purposes of clarity in the claims.

Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner may contact Applicants' attorney at the number given below.

Respectfully Submitted,



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